

Austin Water – Center for Environmental Research



Austin Water – The University of Texas – Texas A&M University
A Partnership for Urban Ecology and Sustainability: Community, Ecology, Research
located at the Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant
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Website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/cer>



CER Events March 2014

Mar 1

Saturday 8am meet at the CER

- **Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership - River Monitoring Trip**
- Join Claude Morris and the Travis County Colorado River Monitoring trip for a day on the river monitoring birds and more, and help the Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership learn more about the ecology of the Colorado River. More about the Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership at the CER website Research, Programs, Partnerships page <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/research-projects-partnerships-and-programs>
- Meet at the CER parking lot at 8:00AM
- A river trip to monitor birds and vegetation along the river and you MUST provide your own boat or rent one from Cook's Canoes in Webberville <http://www.cookscanoes.com/>
- Contact Claude Morris at cgmorris@flash.net to participate

Mar 8

Saturday 7am-11am and 4pm to dark meet at the CER

- **Hornsby Bend Bird Observatory Program Monthly Bird Survey**
- The HBBO Bird Survey is open to all levels of birder interested in intensive monitoring, although this is not a field trip. In the morning, we have teams covering different areas of the Hornsby Bend facility, and they count numbers of all birds seen. It is 4 hours of hard hiking and counting, but lots of fun along the way. We meet again around 11am to tally up the species. The afternoon involves looking around for species missed that morning, and we go until sundown. More information about the CER HBBO program at www.hornsbybend.org

Mar 15

Saturday – 730am – 11am at the CER

- **HBBO/Travis Audubon Society - Hornsby Bend Monthly Birding Fieldtrip – FREE!**
- Meet at the CER 730am, no registration needed – all levels of birder welcomed, an easy morning of walking and learning the birds of Hornsby Bend. Bring binoculars and some water if the weather is warm. More information at www.travisaudubon.org and www.hornsbybend.org

- Mar 19** **Wednesday - NOON to 1pm** at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room 1st Floor
- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
 - **Urban Nature: The American City and Degraded Nature**
 - In my first two lectures, I discussed the foundational myths of American Nature: wilderness and pastoral nature. In March, I will examine urban nature and the relationship between nature and cities in the American Mind. We are now predominately a country of urbanites who have only occasional contact with wilderness or pastoral nature. To compensate for this urban depravation, we have incorporated “green space” for nature into our cities – preserves, wildscapes, parks, and gardens - to allow for contact with officially sanctioned approximations of wild and pastoral nature in the urban landscape. The urban nature that lives outside of these green spaces (or “invasively” transgresses them) is a “degraded” type of nature which the writer John Tallmadge describes as “just too mixed up, chaotic, and confused to fit our established notions of beauty and value in nature. ... Maybe it’s not really nature at all, not a real ecosystem, just a bunch of weeds and exotics mixed up with human junk.” Join me for the March Lunchtime Lecture, when I will explore the myth of American Urban Nature and assess whether it is really nature at all.
- Mar 25** **Tuesday – NOON to 1pm** at Waller Center, 625 East 10th Street [Between Red River and I-35]
- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
 - **Urban Nature: The American City and Degraded Nature**
- Mar 26** **Wednesday – NOON to 1pm** at Dougherty Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Road
- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
 - **Urban Nature: The American City and Degraded Nature**
- Mar 29** **Saturday 9am – 1pm** at the CER
- **Ecological Literacy Volunteer Day and Potluck Learning** – Help maintain Hornsby Bend! Did you know that all the Hornsby Bend trails, habitat gardens, and kiosks were built and are maintained by volunteers? If you enjoy birding or walking along the Colorado River here, please join us in maintaining these amenities and supporting public access at Hornsby Bend.
 - Wear work clothes [long pants], hat for shade, and sturdy shoes; bring water and binoculars if interested in birds.
 - **NOON POTLUCK LUNCH AND More ECOLOGICAL LEARNING** - Bring food for our potluck lunch at NOON and learn more at a presentation on ecology during lunch.
 - **Presentation – Peru: Where Nature Meets Culture**
 - **Radmila Hrdlickova and Jiri Nehyba**

For more information about these events contact Kevin M. Anderson [kevin.anderson@austintexas.gov]

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